

New Mexico State Game Commission New Mexico
Department of Game and Fish

Oct. 14, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

09:11:17 AM (00:00:10)

Called to order by Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

09:12:02 AM (00:00:54)

Present: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Introduction of Guests

09:12:25 AM (00:01:18)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

09:16:11 AM (00:05:03)

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as written.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Consent Agenda (Action Item)

09:17:02 AM (00:05:54)

Motion: Move to approve minutes from the Aug. 19 and Aug. 20, 2022 meetings, revocations, special hunt deadlines and the depredation report.

Motion by: Vice-chairwomen Archuleta.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Approved - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Fulfer.

Opposed: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: General Public Comments

09:35:53 AM (00:00:36)

A brief break was taken during this agenda item for technical difficulties.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Rule Hearing, Commission Deliberation and Decision: 19.31.3 NMAC Manner and Method and Licensing Application Rule (Action Item)

09:41:03 AM (00:05:47)

The department presented proposed changes to the Hunting and Fishing - Manner and Method of Taking Rule (19.31.10 NMAC) and Licensing and Application (19.31.3 NMAC). These changes are being made to conform with changes to other NMAC rules, or to codify changes that were agreed upon during those rule development processes.

Motion: Move to adopt proposed changes to 19.31.10 NMAC and 19.31.3 NMAC as presented by the department and allow the department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta and clarified by Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Approved - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Fulfer.

Opposed: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Motion passes.

AGENDA MODIFICATION: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey suggested that the commission adjust the agenda to present agenda items 11, 12 and 13 prior to the executive session, scheduled for noon. Items 12, 14, 15 and 16 were eventually presented prior to the executive session.

10:30:27 AM (00:47:02)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Rule Hearing, Commission Deliberation and Decision: 19.31.14 NMAC Elk Rule (Action Item)

10:33:20 AM (00:49:55)

The department presented biological data and proposed changes to the Elk Rule (19.31.14 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals. The department held four hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings and also received comments via email on the rule.

Motion: Move to adopt proposed changes to 19.31.14 NMAC as presented by the department and allow the department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Vice-chairwomen Archuleta.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Approved - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Fulfer.

Opposed: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Delisting Gould's Turkey Discussion (Action Item)

11:23:01 AM (01:39:35)

The director made a recommendation to the commission to delist Gould's turkey in accordance with the procedures and authority specified in the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act (WCA; 17-2-40 NMSA 1978).

Motion: Move to approve the delisting of Gould's turkey as authorized under the Wildlife Conservation Act (17-2-40 NMSA).

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Biennial Review (Action Item)

11:29:54 AM (01:46:29)

The department requested that the commission approve the “2022 Biennial Review” of state-listed threatened or endangered species pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Act (17-2-40 NMSA 1978). No status changes were deemed warranted in the 2022 review.

Motion: Move to approve the “2022 Biennial Review” of state-listed threatened or endangered species.

Motion by: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Shooting Preserve Application for Landon Berry (Action Item)

11:33:28 AM (01:50:02)

An application was filed for a shooting preserve permit for the Landon Berry property, in accordance to 17-3-35 to 17-3-42, NMSA 1978 (Regulated Shooting Preserve Act) and 19.35.3 NMAC, Shooting Preserves the property owner intends to release legally propagated game birds on the preserve. Department personnel inspected the property and determined that the application meets the requirements established by law and rule. The preserve will be comprised of 1,614 contiguous deeded acres of property in Colfax County and is not expected to be suitable to establish populations of the released birds.

Motion: Move to approve a shooting preserve on the Landon Berry property located in Colfax County.

Motion by: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Director’s Report

11:39:20 AM (01:55:55)

- Field operations staff assisted with two successful Make-a-Wish hunts in New Mexico.
- Biologists Caitlin Ruhl and Jane Trujillo both completed their master’s degrees working on department-related research projects.
- Staff promotions:
 - Darren Vaughan - communications director.
 - Michaela Wolfe - information center supervisor.
 - Desi Ortiz - OHV program manager.
 - Shawn Carrell - lieutenant/revocations manager.
 - Stephen Apodaca - sergeant/Las Vegas supervisory district.
 - Larrame Hammer - L-Bar WMA manager.
- Fisheries projects: Stocked Rio Grande cutthroat trout salvaged during Calf Canyon burn into Middle Ponil Creek in Canadian River drainage. Completed kokanee salmon surveys in Navajo lake. Restocked Rio Grande suckers and Rio Grande chub from the East Fork of the Jemez River into Rio Frijoles on the Bandelier National Monument. Tagged 14,000

largemouth bass from the Rock Lake hatchery and released them into Bill Evans, Lake Roberts and Clayton Lake as part of a research study.

- Wildlife projects: Flew elk surveys from Sept 25-Oct 6 across the state. Department and New Mexico State University personnel cooperated on a ptarmigan banding project in the upper elevations of the Pecos Wilderness. Completed dove, quail and bighorn sheep surveys.
- Education Activities – Education staff have presented at Women of the Outdoors, Eastern New Mexico State Fair, Chavez and DeBaca County Fairs, Southern New Mexico State Fair and Southeast New Mexico State Fair. Hired a temporary webmaster to finish website redesign. OHV program purchased helmets and goggles to give to youth class participants. Hunter education offered its first in-person class since the beginning of the pandemic and is working with several schools to offer hunter education in schools. The shooting sport's program Responsible Hunter initiative provided \$18,000 to 11 statewide shooting clubs to support youth shooting sports. Range cleanup days were conducted at Clayton and Tres Piedras shooting ranges. Staff attended the New Mexico Outdoor Economics Conference in Taos, which was supported in part by the department. The R3 program with assistance from Field Operations hosted a one-on-one squirrel hunting camp. The department is working to expand its 3-D archery program after a successful test.
- A new poach coach has made its appearance at several events across the state.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Executive Session

11:49:31 AM (02:06:06)

Motion: Move to adjourn into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss property purchase, acquisition or disposal; Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, attorney-client privilege, litigation update (discussion); Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, attorney-client privilege, litigation update (discussion) and Section 10-15 1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, personnel matters.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Action on Items from Executive Session (Action Item)

01:18:46 PM (02:07:47)

Motion: Move to proceed with sale/disposal of the Richards Avenue Property located in Santa Fe as discussed during the executive session and to authorize the Chair of the Commission to sign all documents required to fully execute the sale.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Rule Hearing, Commission Deliberation and Decision: 19.31.13 NMAC Deer Rule (Action Item)

01:18:46 PM (02:07:47)

The department presented biological data and proposed changes to the Deer Rule (19.31.13 NMAC) based on public comment, survey information and management goals. The department held four in-person/virtual public meetings and also received public comments on the rule.

Motion: Move to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.13 NMAC as presented by the department and allow the department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Rule Hearing, Commission Deliberation and Decision: 19.31.16 NMAC Turkey Rule (Action Item)

01:32:19 PM (02:21:21)

The department presented biological data and proposed changes to the Turkey Rule (19.31.16 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals. The department held two hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings and also received comments via email on the rule.

Motion: Move to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.16 NMAC as presented by the department and allow the department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta.

Approved: Approved - Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairwoman Archuleta, Commissioner Fulfer and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Absent: Commissioner Lopez.

Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: General Public Comments

01:42:57 PM (02:31:59)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: New Business

01:46:32 PM (02:35:34)

Commissioner Salazar-Henry suggested that the department and commission look into options for formally supporting public access with regard to county road closures.

Chairwoman Salazar Hickey would like to host a special meeting to be held on Tues., Nov. 29, 2022, at 9 a.m. at the Santa Fe Headquarters. This meeting will only be an executive session to address litigation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Adjourn

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION

Friday October 14, 2022

Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum 4100 Dripping Springs Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88011

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/webcast/>



Michael B. Sloane

12/8/2022

Date

Sharon S. Hickey

12/08/2022

Sharon Salazar Hickey, Chair

New Mexico State Game Commission

Date

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